BIFR Assistance

3303. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI K. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units assisted by BIFR for their revival during 1993; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by BIFR to ensure functioning of the units as per rehabilitation scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) does not extend any direct financial assistance for revival of sick industrial companies. However, during the year 1993, it sanctioned/approved 91 schemes for revival of sick industrial companies.

(b) BIFR has reported that progress of implementation of sanctioned/approved revival schemes is monitored by it and remedial measures are taken wherever called for and in cases where the progress is unsatisfactory, the case may be reopened for further action under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

Smuggling of cars

3304. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of smuggling of cars;

(b) if so, the number of cars smuggled so far; and

(c) the details thereof during the last one year and the steps taken by Government to check the smuggling of cars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to state with certainty the number of cars smuggled during the last one year. However, 33 cars suspected to be smuggled have been seized during the last one year. (The figures are provisional).

(c) Customs and Central Excise formations concerned with anti-smuggling remain alert to act against smuggling activities, including smuggling of cars. Close coordination is being maintained amongst all Central and state government agencies concerned with prevention and detection of smuggling activities.

Cases transferred to Debt Recovedy Tribunals

3305. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of debt recovery transferred or proposed to be transferred to the Debt Recovery Tribunals; and

(b) the five nationalised banks which have maximum number of such cases alongwith the amount involved therein, bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Available information received from 18 public sector banks is given in the Statement (*See* below). It may be seen therefrom that the five public sector banks which have the maximum number of such cases are State Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Canara Bank, Syndicate Bank and Punjab National Bank. Information from the remaining 9 public sector banks is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.